

Session 13-07 a Regular Meeting of the Public Arts Committee was called to order on November 14 2013 at 5:04 pm by Chair Angie Newby at the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS APLIN, NEWBY, MILLER AND FELLOWS
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSIONER DEB LOWNEY

ABESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBER GRONING
PARKS MAINTENANCE ANGIE OTTESON

STAFF: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Newby requested a motion to approve the agenda.

MILLER/APLIN – MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was a no discussion.

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments.

RECONSIDERATION

There were no items for reconsideration.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES *(Minutes are approved during regular or special meetings only)*

A. Meeting Minutes for Special Meeting on October 17, 2013

Chair Newby requested a motion to approve the minutes from October 17, 2013.

MILLER/APLIN – MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

There was a brief discussion on Ms. Aplin volunteering to speak with Councilmember Burgess on the Budget request.

The minutes were approved as presented by consensus of the Committee.

VISITORS

There were no visitors scheduled.

STAFF & COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS/ AND BOROUGH REPORTS

A. Staff Report 13-07

Ms. Krause provided a verbal report on the progress with the fax quote request and a recent meeting with Planning personnel, Dottie Harness-Foster. Ms. Krause only had one question regarding placement of the signage within the parks chosen. She further explained in response to Commissioner Lowney that

the signage at Adams and East End Road would be regulatory. Ms. Otteson stated that cost could come from her budget. All signage must be setback five feet from the property line.

MILLER/FELLOWS – MOVE TO ALLOW PARKS MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL DETERMINE THE PROPER LOCATION WITHIN THE PARKS FOR PLACEMENT OF SIGNAGE.

There was no discussion.

The motion was approved by consensus of the Committee.

Ms. Krause will clarify the font used for the Bishops Beach sign before issuing the Quote request.

B. Report on the Homer Arts and Culture Alliance

Ms. Miller reported that the group submitted a letter in support of the Needs Assessment to be included in the Council packet. She was not sure the content of the letter. Mrs. Krause responded that it commented on the value of healthy communities incorporating many diverse recreation opportunities. Further review of the letter noted it including the value to the community to access to inspirational art and performances, "hands on" learning activities and the preservation and celebration of our cultural heritage.

Chair Newby noted a comment during a discussion with Ms. Groning regarding the many different agendas within the group being a standard occurrence when a group first organizes.

There was no further discussion or comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no items for public hearing.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Uniform Signage

Discussion continued on the signage that was going to be quoted and Ms. Aplin also commented that the Kachemak Bay Water Trail Group was intending to install signage. She said it would be great for them to follow the same design template.

The committee agreed that would be preferable. Commissioner Lowney stated she would speak with Dave Brann regarding the sign at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting next week.

There was no further discussion.

B. Update on the Call for Art for the Homer Public Library

There were no updates available at meeting time. No discussion ensued on this item.

C. Budget 2014

Ms. Krause commented on the budget amendments contained in the Council packet for the November 25, 2013 meeting. Councilmembers Lewis and Howard supported taking \$10,000 from Parks and Recreation Reserves and \$25,000 from Planning Reserves to fund the Needs Assessment; Funding a Police Dispatcher from the overtime amount paid to regular officers. No other budget amendments had been received prior to the packet process. The \$5000 annual request was not included by the City Manager. Ms. Krause confirmed to the committee that Council to her knowledge was aware of their requests for funding.

The committee entertained a brief discussion on the value of not asking for the funding for the Baycrest Overlook Improvement project and determined that it may be to their benefit to submit requests for smaller amounts and complete the project piecemeal. Ms. Aplin will continue to work with Ms. Lochart on the signage.

There was no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2014 Meeting Schedule

The committee reviewed the proposed 2014 meeting schedule. It was noted that the dates were the same as the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission dates and a recommendation was made to move the meetings to the second Thursday of the month since their staff/clerk cannot be in two places at one time.

MILLER/APLIN – MOVED TO SCHEDULE 2014 REGULAR MEETINGS ON FEBRUARY 13, MAY 8, AUGUST 14 AND NOVEMBER 13 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL. A WORKSESSION WILL ALSO BE SCHEDULED AT 4:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 13, 2014.

There was a brief discussion regarding attendance.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

A. 2013 Strategic Plan

The committee reviewed and updated the Strategic plan as follows:

- Change all dates to 2014
- insert "and Kachemak Bay Water Trail Committee" in item #9 under Goals and Objectives
- Add #11 Coordinate Project/Merging Art and Interpretation on the Spit Trail Project.

MILLER/FELLOWS – MOVED TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

B. October 2013 ASCA News

C. Budget Schedule

There was a brief comment regarding inclusion of the ASCA newsletter in the packet.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There was no audience present.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

There were no comments from staff.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER *(If one is assigned)*

No councilmembers were present.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Newby asked for consideration of scheduling a worksession before the next meeting. Chair Newby commented on the partnership working on the signage.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

There were no comments from members of the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee Chair Newby adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m. A WORKSESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR 4:00 P.M. PRIOR TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2014 AT 5:00 P.M. at City Hall Conference Room Upstairs, 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Renee Krause, CMC, Deputy City Clerk I

Approved: _____